

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1380 - SB 1675

February 6, 2014

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to utilize an authorized representative of the Board, either a licensed funeral director or licensed embalmer, to perform announced and unannounced inspections of a funeral establishment which is making application to the Board for initial licensure, change of ownership, or change of location. Such announced inspection shall be required prior to application approval. Creates provisions applicable to unannounced inspections. Requires that reasonable care be used to avoid disruption to guests of a funeral establishment and that the applicant reasonably cooperate with the authorized representative of the Board.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the provisions listed will, in large part, codify existing practice and will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the Department or Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all regulatory boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers had a closing balance of \$484,954 in FY11-12, a deficit of \$98,294 in FY12-13, and a closing reserve balance of \$713,380 on June 30, 2013.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Any additional infractions of licensees resulting in fines or penalties will not result in a significant increase in business expenses for businesses within this state.
- This will have no significant effect on commerce or jobs within this state.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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